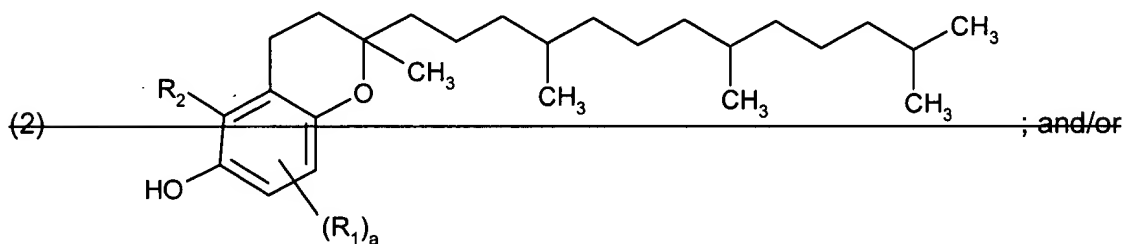
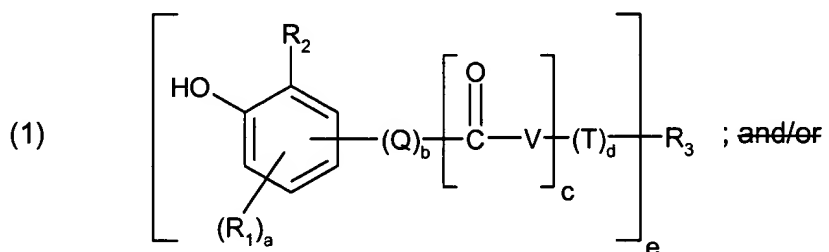


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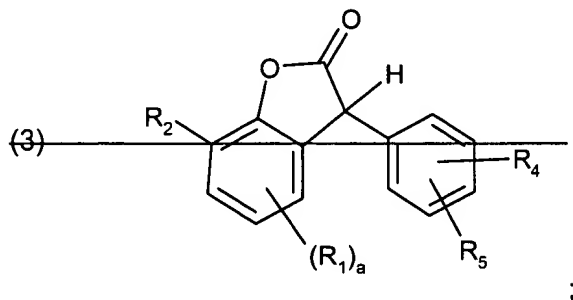
Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1-32 (cancelled).

33. (currently amended): A method of stabilizing body-care and household products which comprises incorporating into a body-care or household product a phenolic antioxidant of formula



(a2) — an antioxidant of formula

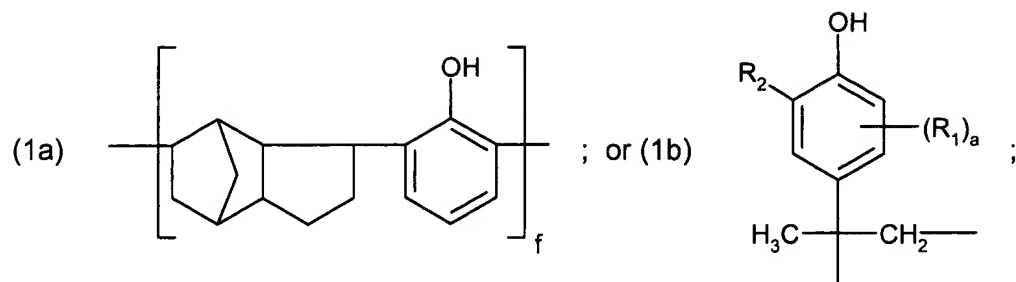


wherein in ~~formulae~~ formula (1), ~~(2)~~ and ~~(3)~~

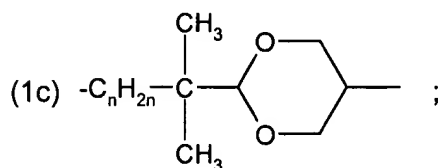
R₁ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₂alkyl; C₁-C₂₂alkylthio; C₅-C₇cycloalkyl; phenyl; C₇-C₉phenylalkyl; or SO₃M;

R₂ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl; C₅-C₇cycloalkyl; phenyl; or C₇-C₉phenylalkyl;

Q is $-C_mH_{2m}-$; $-\underset{\substack{| \\ C_mH_{2m+1}}}{CH}-$; $-C_mH_{2m}-NH$; a radical of formula



T is $-C_nH_{2n}-$; $-(CH_2)_n-O-CH_2-$; $-C_nH_{2n}-NH-\overset{\overset{O}{||}}{C}-$; or a radical of formula



V is $-O-$; or $-NH-$;

a is 0; 1; or 2;

b, c and d are each independently of one another 0; or 1;

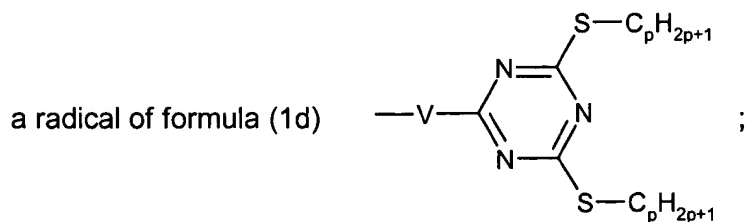
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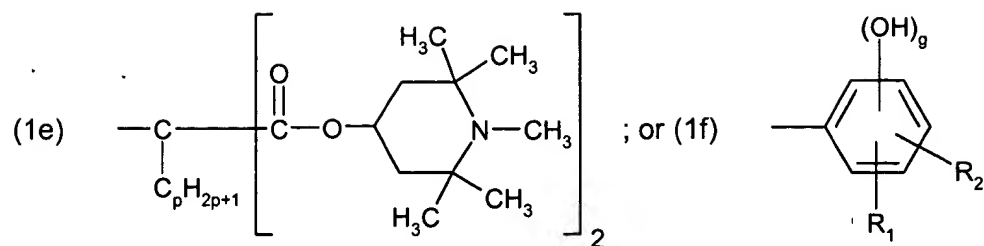
f is an integer from 1 to 3; and

m, n and p are each independently of one another an integer from 1 to 3;

if $e = 1$, then

R_3 is M; hydrogen; C_1-C_{22} alkyl; C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl; C_1-C_{22} alkylthio; C_2-C_{18} alkenyl; C_1-C_{18} phenylalkyl;



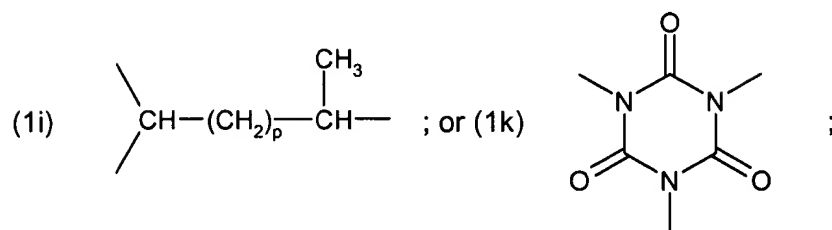
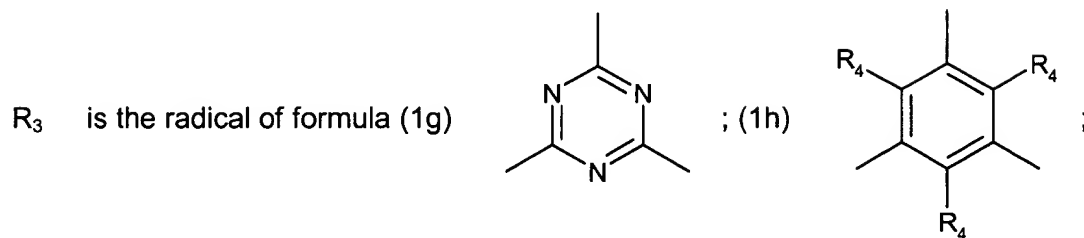


M is alkali; ammonium;

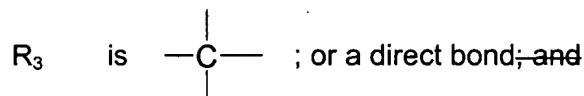
if $e = 2$, then

R_3 is a direct bond; $-\text{CH}_2-$; $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{CH}_3$; $-\text{O}-$; or $-\text{S}-$;

if $e = 3$, then



if $e = 4$, then



R_4 and R_5 are each independently of the other hydrogen; or C_1 - C_{22} alkyl.

34. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein in formula (1)

Q is $-C_mH_{2m}-$, wherein m is as defined in claim 33.

35. (previously presented): A method according claim 33, wherein Q is a methylene or ethylene radical.

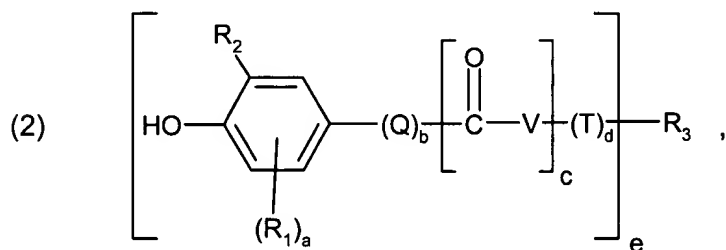
36. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein V is $-O-$.

37. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1-C_{18} alkyl.

38. (previously presented): A method according to claim 37, wherein R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1-C_5 alkyl.

39. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein a is 1.

40. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, which comprises incorporating an antioxidant of formula



wherein

R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1-C_5 alkyl,

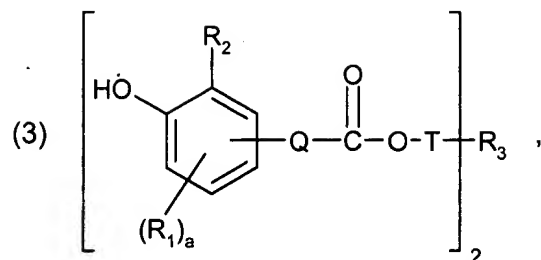
a is 1 or 2; and

R_3 , Q, V, T, b, c, d and e are as defined in claim 33.

41. (previously presented): A method according to claim 40, wherein

R_1 and R_2 are the tert-butyl radical; and a is 1.

42. (previously presented): A method according to claim 40, which comprises incorporating an antioxidant of formula



wherein

R₁ and R₂ are each independently of the other C₁-C₅-alkyl;

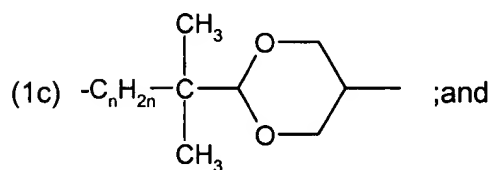
Q is -C_mH_{2m}-; or -C_mH_{2m}-NH- ;

R₃ is a direct bond; -O-; -S-; -CH₂-; or $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ -\text{CH}- \end{array}$;

a is 1 or 2;

m is 1 to 5;

T is -C_nH_{2n}-; -(CH₂)_n-O-CH₂-; -C_nH_{2n}-NH-C(=O)- ; or a radical of formula



n is an integer from 1 to 3.

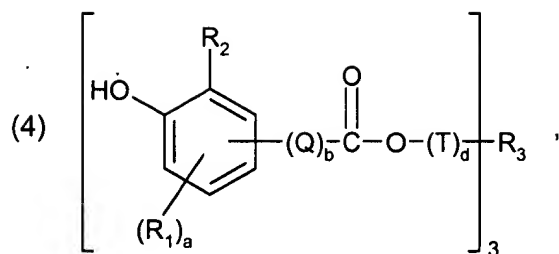
43. (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the antioxidant is a compound of formula (3), wherein

Q is ethylene; or $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ -\text{CH}- \end{array}$;

R₃ is a direct bond; and

R₁, R₂, T and a are as defined in claim 42.

44. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the antioxidant is a compound of formula



wherein

Q is $-C_mH_{2m}-$;

T is $-C_nH_{2n}-$;

R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_5 -alkyl;

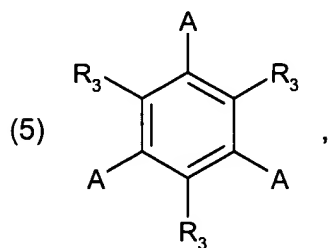
R_3 is the radical of formula (1g); (1h); (1i); or (1k);

m and n are each independently of the other 1 to 3;

a is 1 or 2; and

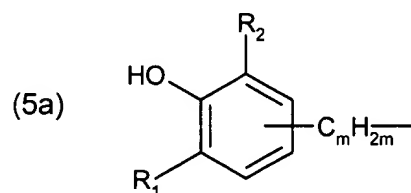
b and d are each independently of the other 0 or 1.

45. (previously presented): A method according to claim 44, wherein the antioxidant is a compound of formula



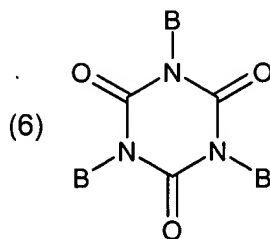
wherein

A is a radical of formula



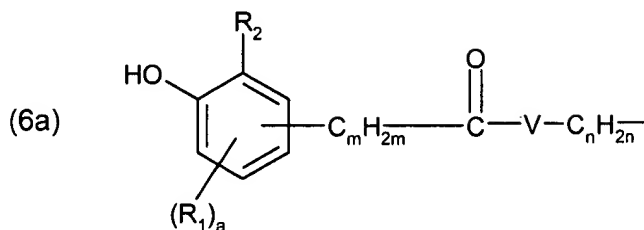
R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are each independently of one another C_1 - C_5 alkyl; and m is 1 to 3.

46. (previously presented): A method according to claim 44, wherein the antioxidant is a compound of formula



wherein

B is a radical of formula



R_1 and R_2 are each independently of the other C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

V is -O-; or -NH-;

a is 1; or 2;

m is 1 to 3; and

n is 0 to 3.

47. (currently amended): A method according to claim 33, which comprises incorporating the phenolic antioxidants of ~~formulae~~ formula (1), (2) and (3) as individual compounds or as a mixture of several individual compounds.

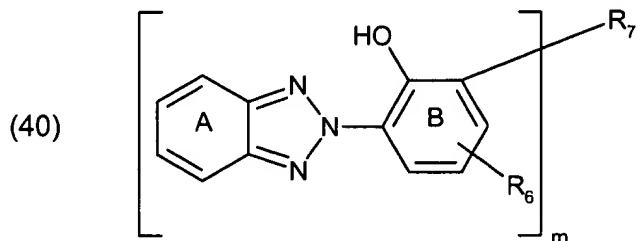
48. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, which comprises incorporating the antioxidant or the sum of the antioxidants in a concentration of 50 to 1000 ppm.

49. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, which comprises incorporating the antioxidants together with tocopherol and/or tocopherol acetate.

50. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, which comprises incorporating the phenolic antioxidants together with light stabilisers.

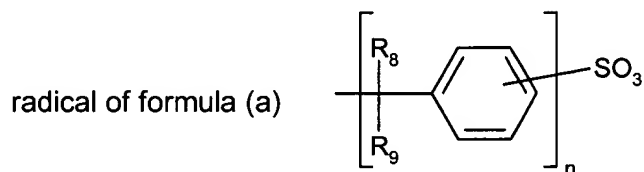
51. (previously presented): A method according to claim 50, wherein the light stabilisers used are sterically hindered amines.

52. (previously presented): A method according to claim 50, wherein the light stabilisers used are benzotriazoles of formula



wherein

R₆ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl; C₁-C₅alkoxy; C₁-C₅alkoxycarbonyl; C₅-C₇cycloalkyl; C₆-C₁₀aryl; aralkyl; -SO₃M; a



R₈ and R₉ are each independently of the other hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl;

m is 1 or 2;

n is 0 or 1;

if m = 1,

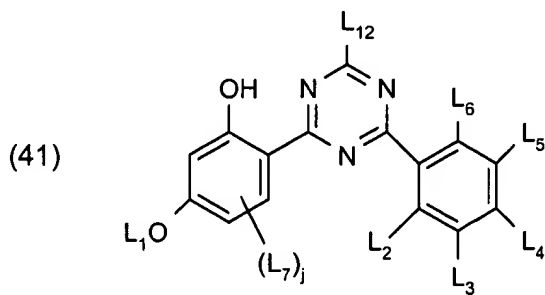
R₇ is hydrogen; unsubstituted or phenyl-substituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl; C₆-C₁₀aryl;

if n = 2,

R₂ is a direct bond; -(CH₂)_p-; and

p is 1 to 3.

53. (previously presented): A method according to claim 50, wherein the light stabilisers used are 2-hydroxyphenyltriazines of formula



wherein

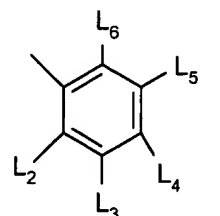
L₁ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl, C₂-C₂₂alkenyl or C₅-C₇cycloalkyl;

L₂ and L₆ are each independently of the other H, OH, halogen, C₁-C₂₂alkyl, halomethyl;

L₃, L₅ and L₇ are each independently of one another H, OH, OL₁, halogen, C₁-C₂₂alkyl, halomethyl;

L₄ is H, OH, OL₁, halogen, C₁-C₂₂alkyl, phenyl, halomethyl;

L₁₂ is C₁-C₂₂alkyl, phenyl C₁-C₅alkyl, C₅-C₇cycloalkyl, OL₁ or a group of formula



and j is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

54. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33 in which the body-care products are for the skin and its adnexa.

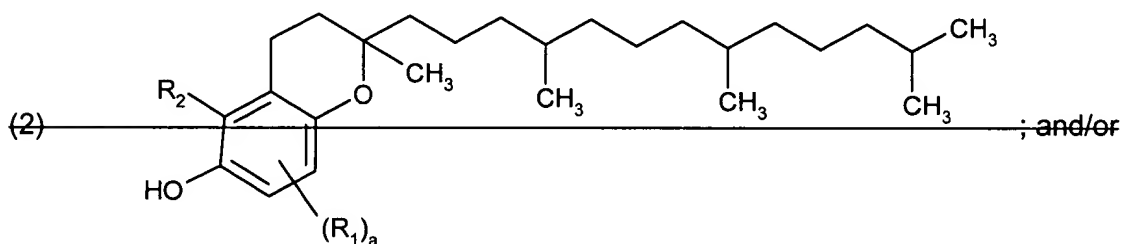
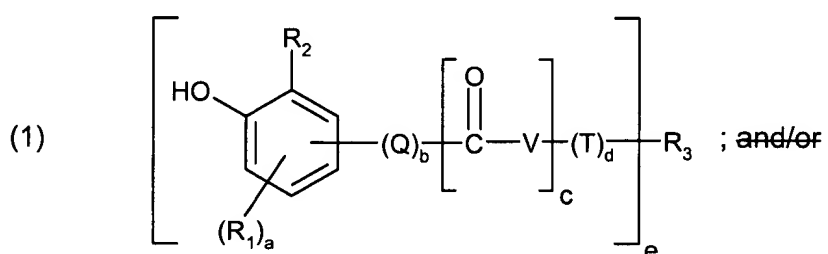
55. (previously presented): A method according to claim 54, wherein the body-care products are selected from skin-care products, bath and shower additives, preparations containing fragrances and odoriferous substances, hair-care products, dentifrices, deodorising and antiperspirant preparations, decorative preparations, light protection formulations and preparations containing active ingredients.

56. (previously presented): A method according to claim 55, wherein the skin-care products are selected from body oils, body lotions, body gels, treatment creams, skin protection ointments, shaving preparations and skin powders.

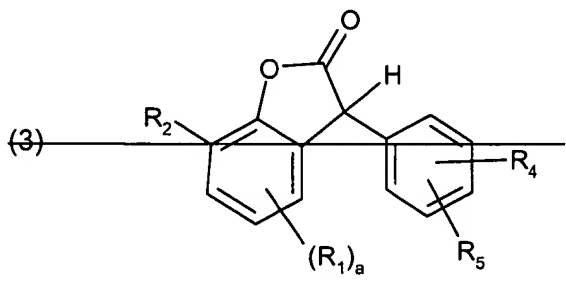
57. (previously presented): A method according to claim 55, wherein the preparations containing fragrances and olfactory substances are selected from scents, perfumes, toilet waters and shaving lotions.

58. (previously presented): A method according to claim 55, wherein the hair-care products are selected from shampoos, hair conditioners, agents for styling and treating hair, perming agents, hair sprays and lacquers and hair dyeing or bleaching agents.

61. (currently amended): A method of preparation of body-care and household products which comprises incorporating into a body-care or household cleaning and treating agent a phenolic antioxidant of formula



~~(a₂) an antioxidant of formula~~

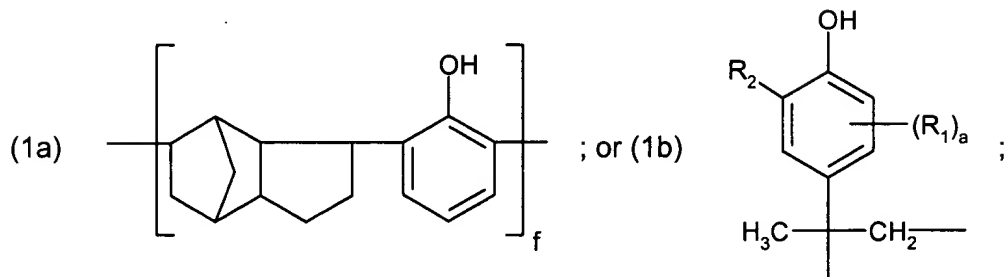


wherein in formulae ~~formula (1), (2) and (3)~~

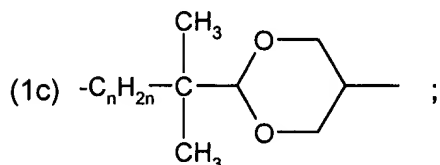
R₁ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₂alkyl; C₁-C₂₂alkylthio; C₅-C₇cycloalkyl; phenyl; C₇-C₉phenylalkyl; or SO₃M;

R_2 is C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl; phenyl; or C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl;

Q is $-C_mH_{2m}-$; $-\underset{\substack{| \\ C_mH_{2m+1}}}{CH}-$; $-C_mH_{2m}-NH$; a radical of formula



T is $-C_nH_{2n}-$; $-(CH_2)_n-O-CH_2-$; $-C_nH_{2n}-NH-\overset{\overset{O}{||}}{C}-$; or a radical of formula



V is $-O-$; or $-NH-$;

a is 0; 1; or 2;

b , c and d are each independently of one another 0; or 1;

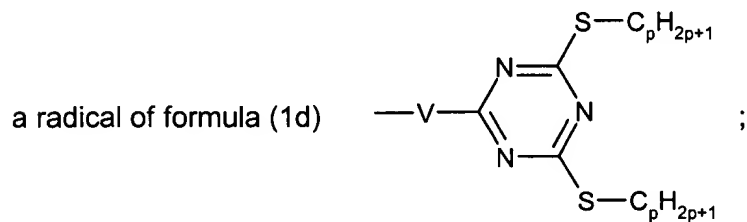
e is an integer from 1 to 4;

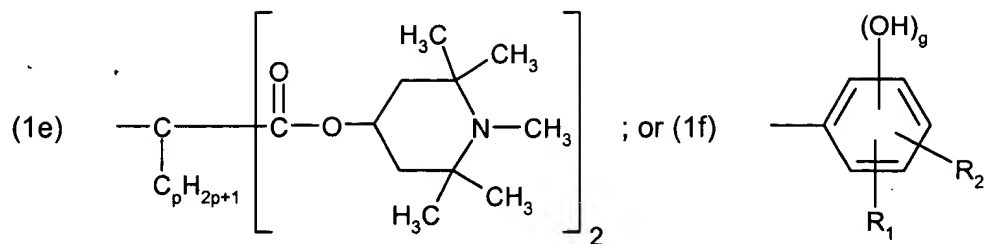
f is an integer from 1 to 3; and

m , n and p are each independently of one another an integer from 1 to 3;

if $e = 1$, then

R_3 is M ; hydrogen; C_1 - C_{22} alkyl; C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_{22} alkylthio; C_2 - C_{18} alkenyl; C_1 - C_{18} phenylalkyl;



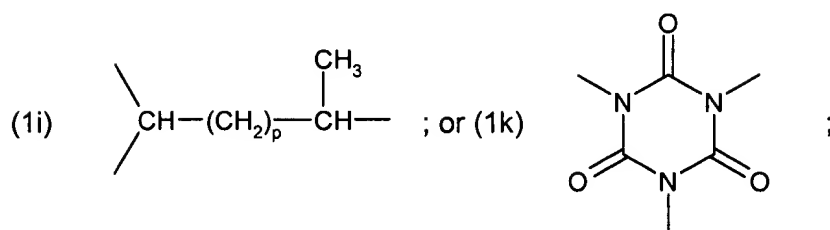
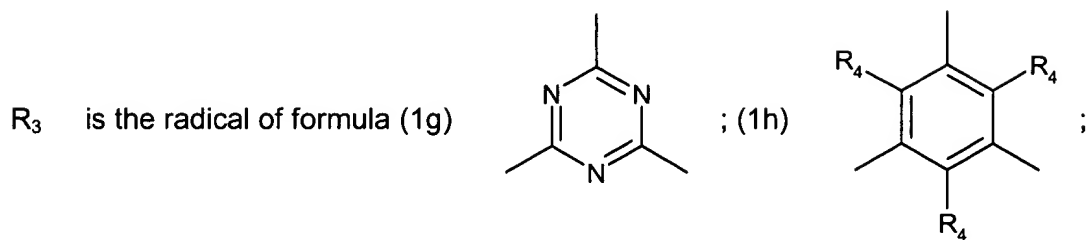


M is alkali; ammonium;

if $e = 2$, then

R_3 is a direct bond; $-\text{CH}_2-$; $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{CH}_3$; $-\text{O}-$; or $-\text{S}-$;

if $e = 3$, then



if $e = 4$, then

R_3 is ; or a direct bond; and

R_4 and R_5 are each independently of the other hydrogen; or C_4 - C_{22} alkyl.

62. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the household cleaning and treating agents are selected from washing, rinsing and dishwashing agents, shoe polishes, polishing waxes, floor detergents and polishes, metal, glass and ceramic cleaners, textile care agents, agents for removing rust, colour and stains (stain remover salt), furniture and multipurpose polishes.

63. (currently amended): A body-care composition, which comprises at least one phenolic antioxidant as defined in claim 33 and a cosmetically acceptable adjuvant.

64. (previously presented): A household cleaning and treating agent, which comprises a phenolic antioxidant as defined in claim 33.